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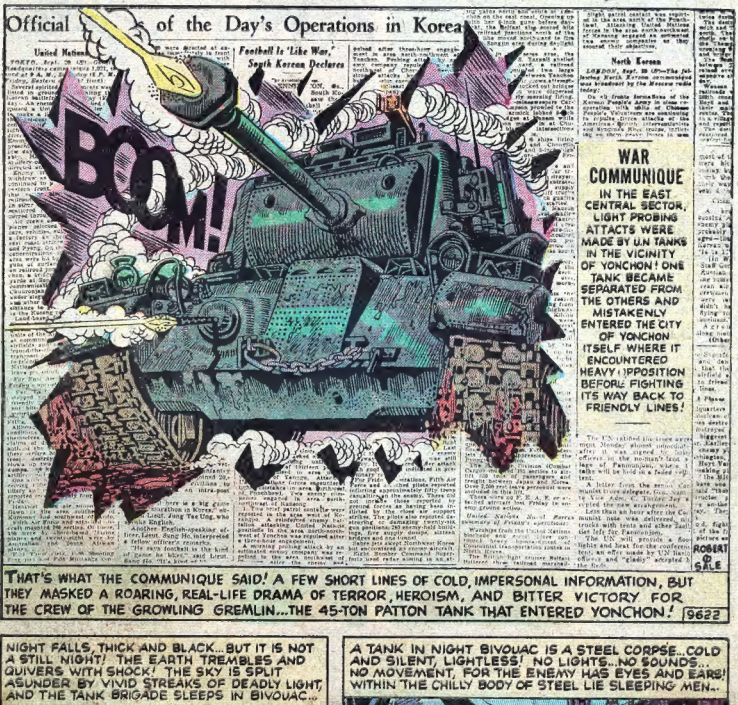
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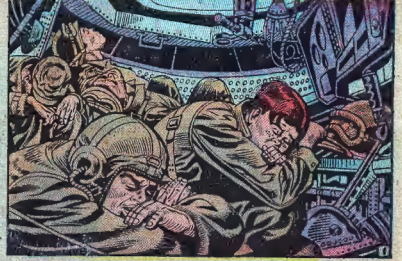
BOOM!
ROBERT
GRAYLE

THAT'S WHAT THE COMMUNIQUE SAID! A FEW SHORT LINES OF COLD, IMPERSONAL INFORMATION, BUT THEY MASKED A ROARING, REAL-LIFE DRAMA OF TERROR, HEROISM, AND BITTER VICTORY FOR THE CREW OF THE GROWLING GREMLIN...THE 45-TON PATTON TANK THAT ENTERED YONCHON! 9622

NIGHT FALLS, THICK AND BLACK... BUT IT IS NOT A STILL NIGHT! THE EARTH TREMBLES AND QUIVERS WITH SHOCK! THE SKY IS SPLIT ASUNDER BY VIVID STREAKS OF DEADLY LIGHT, AND THE TANK BRIGADE SLEEPS IN BIVOUAC...

A TANK IN NIGHT BIVOUAC IS A STEEL CORPSE...COLD AND SILENT, LIGHTLESS! NO LIGHTS...NO SOUNDS... NO MOVEMENT, FOR THE ENEMY HAS EYES AND EARS! WITHIN THE CHILLY BODY OF STEEL LIE SLEEPING MEN..



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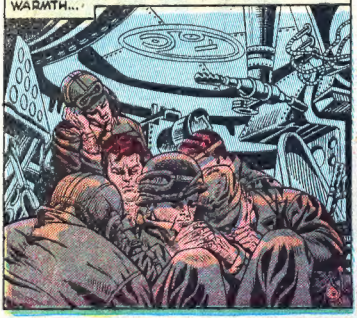
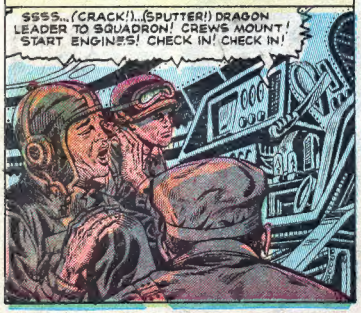
WHEN IT COMES TO LIFE, THE GREAT TANK IS A BLAZING, BROILING INFERNO OF HEAT, SOUND, FUMES, LIFE, DEATH... BUT WHEN IT IS STILL, A TANK IS A FRIGID CRYPT OF STEEL AND IRON... THAT'S WHY THE MEN HUDDLE TOGETHER FOR WARMTH...

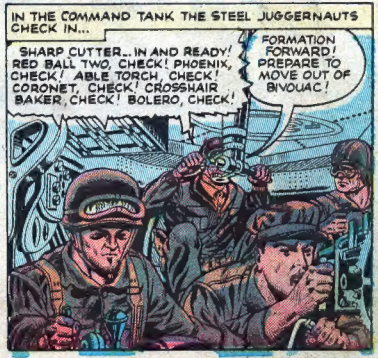


MEET THE MEN OF THE GROWLING GREMLIN! THEIR RANKS AND DUTIES ARE UNIMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY FIGHT AS A UNIT! THEIR NAMES... AVERY, GREEN, HATFIELD, RIZZO, INGALLS, FULLER, YOUNG MEN WITH OLD FACES!

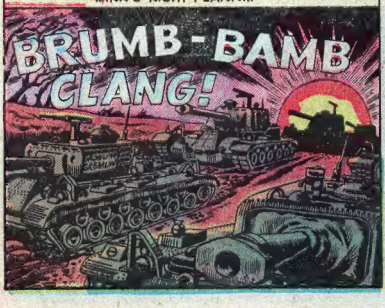
A BLUE-GREY STREAK OF DAWN FLICKERS ACROSS THE HORIZON AND THE RECEIVER SUDDENLY SPUTTERS, CRACKLES AND TALKS...



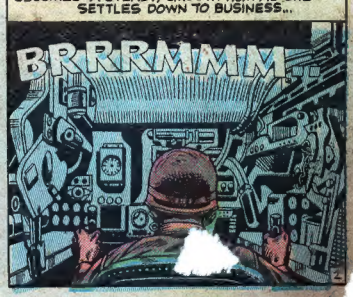
IN THE COMMAND TANK THE STEEL JUGGERNAUTS CHECK IN...


SHARP CUTTER... IN AND READY! RED BALL TWO, CHECK! PHOENIX, CHECK! ABLE TORCH, CHECK! CORONET, CHECK! CROSSHAIR BAKER, CHECK! BOLERO, CHECK!
FORMATION FORWARD! PREPARE TO MOVE OUT OF BIVOUAC!

IN THE MURKY LIGHT OF MORNING, THE LUMBERING MONSTERS LURCH HEAVILY INTO POSITION! GROWLING GREMLIN TAKES NUMBER TWO SPOT ON THE LEAD TANK'S RIGHT FLANK...



INSIDE GROWLING GREMLIN, AVERY FIGHTS THE CONTROLS AND THE MONSTER RESPONDS! THE GROANING ROAR OF THE POWERFUL ENGINES BECOMES A STEADY, SMOOTH HUM AS SHE SETTLES DOWN TO BUSINESS...



THE STEEL DREADNAUGHTS CLATTER AND CLANK UP A STEEP RIDGE! THE LEAD TANK HITS THE RIDGE FIRST, BOGIES CHURNING, CLEATS CLAWING THE EARTH! FOR A MOMENT IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE MONSTER WILL FALL OVER ON ITS BACK...

GRRRRUNG

THEN THE NOSE HURTLES DOWNWARD, THE IRON MONSTER SHAKES ITSELF AND ROARS FORWARD! THE OTHERS FOLLOW LIKE PONDEROUS BEHEMOTHS...

INSIDE GROWLING GREMLIN, THE CREW CLINGS TO THEIR POSITIONS! FULLER PEERS THROUGH THE OBSERVATION SLIT! WHEN AVERY CAN'T SEE, FULLER GUIDES HIM...

BEAR LEFT! LEFT AGAIN! STRAIGHTEN OUT! EMBANKMENT DEAD AHEAD! HANG ON!

SUDDENLY AN EXPLOSION ROCKS THE TANK AND THE FAINT CLATTER OF SHRAPNEL AND BULLETS ECHOES IN THROUGH THE HEAVY ARMOR-PLATE! THE ENEMY HAS SPOTTED LUMBERING TANKS...

BAM! BANG!!

THE ORDERS COME THICK AND FAST AND THE MEN OBEY INSTINCTIVELY, FUNCTIONING LIKE WELL-OILED MACHINES...

MAKE FOR INTERSECTION AHEAD! ACTION! NINETY! TRAVERSE LEFT!

THE COLUMN STAGGERS FORWARD! THE TURRET ON GROWLING GREMLIN SWINGS SHARP! FULLER GIVES THE ORDERS..."STEADY, NINETY! ON!...RANGE 900! FIRE!"

FEED ME THE AMMO, GREEN! START SWINGING!

BOOM!!

FULLER PEERS THROUGH THE SLIT AND GIVES ADJUSTMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE GUNNERS...

NINETY! TRAVERSE RIGHT! STEADY! ON! 800 YARDS! FIRE! STOP! SAME TARGET! ON! FIRE! AND AGAIN! FIRE!

BA ROOM!!

THE COLUMN CLOSES IN! THE TANK BECOMES A ROARING INFERNO OF SUFFOCATING HEAT, NOISE AND SWEAT! THE FUMES FROM BLACK CORDITE CHOKE THE AIR AND RIZZO SWINGS HIS .50'S...

RAT-TAT-TAT-TA

THE TANK COLUMN GRINDS OVER THE ENEMY POSITIONS... CRUSHING MEN AND STEEL INTO DUST...

FROM ANOTHER POINT, THE ENEMY CONTINUES FIRING AT POINT-BLANK RANGE! THEY SCORE A DIRECT HIT ON THE LEAD TANK AND NUMBER THREE TANK...

WHOOSH!

THE TWO TANKS BLOW UP AND DISINTEGRATE! THE TELLTALE BLACK SMOKE AND ORANGE FLASHES OF BURNING OIL AND DETONATING AMMO SPELL DISASTER! NO SURVIVORS...JUST GLUTTED STEEL!

BAROOM!

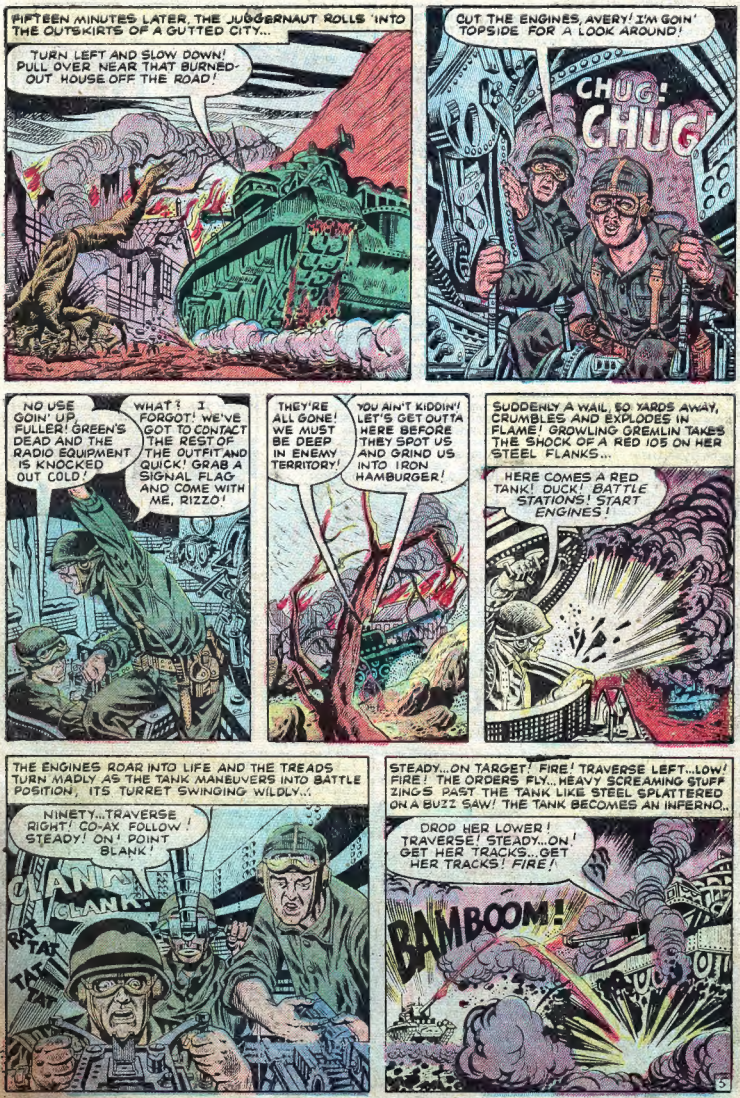
A SOUND OF CRUNCHING STEEL AND THE INSANE SHRIEK OF AN ARMOR-PIERCING SHELL DEAFEN THE MEN IN GROWLING GREMLIN!

HE'S GONE!

GET BACK ON THOSE MACHINE GUNS, RIZZO! HATFIELD, YOU'RE THE NEW LOADER! GET GOIN'!

FULLER TAKES COMMAND, BUT THE FURY OF THE BATTLE FOGS HIS BRAIN AND HE DOESN'T CHECK IN WITH THE REST OF THE COLUMN! HE JUST SCREAMS THE FIRE ORDERS!

O-AY...TRAVERSE RIGHT! CORRECTION! TRAVERSE LEFT! ON... 200 YARDS! STEADY! FIRE! OBSERVATION FOR NINETY! LEFT AND MINUS! ON! STEADY! FIRE... FIRE!


FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, THE JUGGERNAUT ROLLS INTO THE OUTSKIRTS OF A GUTTED CITY...
TURN LEFT AND SLOW DOWN! PULL OVER NEAR THAT BURNED-OUT HOUSE OFF THE ROAD!
CUT THE ENGINES, AVERY! I'M GOIN' TOPSIDE FOR A LOOK AROUND!
CHUG! CHUG!
NO USE GOIN' UP, FULLER! GREEN'S DEAD AND THE RADIO EQUIPMENT IS KNOCKED OUT COLD!
WHAT? I FORGOT! WE'VE GOT TO CONTACT THE REST OF THE OUTFIT AND QUICK! GRAB A SIGNAL FLAG AND COME WITH ME, RIZZO!
THEY'RE ALL GONE! WE MUST BE DEEP IN ENEMY TERRITORY!
YOU AIN'T KIDDIN'! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE THEY SPOT US AND GRIND US INTO IRON HAMBURGER!
SUDDENLY A WAIL, 50 YARDS AWAY, CRUMBLES AND EXPLODES IN FLAME! GROWLING GREMLIN TAKES THE SHOCK OF A RED 105 ON HER STEEL FLANKS...
HERE COMES A RED TANK! DUCK! BATTLE STATIONS! START ENGINES!
THE ENGINES ROAR INTO LIFE AND THE TREADS TURN MADLY AS THE TANK MANEUVERS INTO BATTLE POSITION, ITS TURRET SWINGING WILDLY...
NINETY...TRAVERSE RIGHT! CO-AX FOLLOW! STEADY! ON! POINT BLANK!
TANK CLANK
RAT TAT
TAT TAT
STEADY...ON TARGET! FIRE! TRAVERSE LEFT...LOW! FIRE! THE ORDERS FLY... HEAVY SCREAMING STUFF ZINGS PAST THE TANK LIKE STEEL SPLATTERED ON A BUZZ SAW! THE TANK BECOMES AN INFERNO...
DROP HER LOWER! TRAVERSE! STEADY...ON! GET HER TRACKS...GET HER TRACKS! FIRE!
BAMBOOM!
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SUDDENLY A 90 M.M. SHELL STRIKES HOME UNDER THE TRACKS AND THE ENEMY DISINTEGRATES IN FLAME AND SMOKE, HER TRACKS FLYING LOOSE LIKE THE ENTRAILS OF A GUTTED ANIMAL...

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! IT'S A TRAP!

YEAH? WELL, WE CAN'T FLY AND WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM HOME!

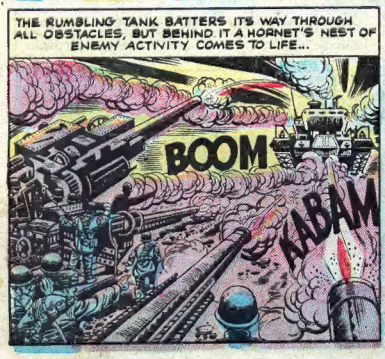
HANG ON! WE'RE GOIN' TO TURN AROUND! THERE'S A COUPLE OF ANTI-TANK BATTERIES ZEROED IN ON US!

DON'T TURN! GIVE HER THE GUN AND LET'S PLOW THEM UP!

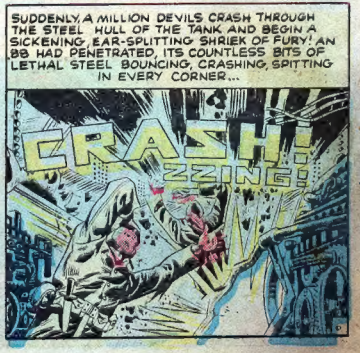
THE ENGINES ROAR AND THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE BECOME A HORRIFYING DIN AS THE ENEMY SHELLS PROBE RAPIDLY AROUND GROWLING GREMLIN'S HULL SEARCHING FOR WEAK SPOTS, GROPING FOR THIN ARMOR...

THEN THE IMPACT AND THE GRINDING CRUNCH OF MANGLED STEEL AS GROWLING GREMLIN PLOWS IN!

THE RUMBLING TANK BATTERS ITS WAY THROUGH ALL OBSTACLES, BUT BEHIND IT A HORNET'S NEST OF ENEMY ACTIVITY COMES TO LIFE...



SUDDENLY A MILLION DEVILS CRASH THROUGH THE STEEL HULL OF THE TANK AND BEGIN A SICKENING, EAR-SPLITTING SHRIEK OF FURY! AN 88 HAD PENETRATED, ITS COUNTLESS BITS OF LETHAL STEEL BOUNCING, CRASHING, SPITTING IN EVERY CORNER...



ANOTHER BLASTING SHOCK! FULLER LURCHES DEAD IN THE TURRET! THE GREAT ENGINES SPUTTER AND FAIL! SMOKE POURS IN THICK AND BLACK!

WE'RE THE ONLY TWO LEFT, AVERY! WE'VE GOT TO PULL DOWN THE FIFTY AND BAIL OUT! YOU HEAR ME, AVERY!

Y...YEAH! I HEAR YOU...GIVE ME A HAND!

ANY SECOND THE PILE OF DEADLY AMMO WILL GO UP WITH THE GAS AND OIL... BUT THE TWO MEN STRUGGLE TO SALVAGE ONE OF THE MACHINE GUNS...

I G...GOT THIS SIDE OKAY!

I GOT MINE, TOO! LET'S GO!

THEY JUMP, DUCK SWIFTLY AND RUN, DRAGGING THE GUN AFTER THEM! THE ENEMY POURS A HEAVY MACHINE GUN AND MORTAR FIRE AT THEM...

I CAN'T! I CAN'T MAKE IT, AVERY! YOU KEEP GOING! I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!

SHUT UP! WE'LL BOTH MAKE IT!

AVERY KEEPS THE HEAVY MACHINE GUN FROM BUCKLING WITH HIS OWN BODY WHILE INGALLS FEEDS THE AMMO...

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

BOOM

THE MEN CONTINUE TO FIGHT, HEEDLESS OF THE CLANKING ROAR BEHIND THEM WHICH SIGNIFIES THE APPROACH OF RESCUE TANKS...

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

CLANK

CLANK

THE RESCUE TANKS SWIVEL ABOUT AND HALT, THEIR ENGINES PURRING! EAGER HANDS LIFT THE EXHAUSTED SURVIVORS THROUGH THE HATCHES AND THE BATTLE IS TEMPORARILY OVER...

HOW ABOUT THE REST, BUDDY?

ALL GONE! WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT!

QUOTE..."IN THE EAST CENTRAL SECTOR, SEVERAL LIGHT PROBING ATTACKS WERE MADE BY U.N. TANKS IN THE VICINITY OF YONCHON! ONE TANK BECAME SEPARATED..."UNQUOTE! THAT'S THE WAY THE COMMUNIQUE READ, BUT, THERE WAS MORE TO THE STORY!

GROWLING GREMLIN

THE END

LOST IN KOREA

PRIVATE John Carney came awake with a start. It was cold! It was very, very cold!

Cautiously, he raised himself in the fox-hole and peered out of the top. A tremendous glare of white assailed his eyes.

Snow!

It had been snowing all night, the steady, driving snow of the Korean winter. He'd been very smart to throw a makeshift roof of boughs and twigs over his fox-hole last night as a sort of roof. It had kept him quite snug.

He looked to his equipment anxiously. Yes, it was all dry — that roof had been a very smart idea indeed!

Now for some breakfast! He started to look into his rations, when suddenly a horrible thought hit him.

Where was the rest of the outfit?

John remembered arriving at this spot last night with his platoon. Lieutenant Wagnall had looked around and decided this was a good spot to camp for the night. And they'd all dug fox-holes — just in case.

Every man had shared a fox-hole with a buddy. Even Lt. Wagnall had shared one with the platoon sergeant.

Only John Carney hadn't shared *his* fox-hole. Only John Carney had been alone.

This was because he was the newest replacement in the outfit — and the platoon was shy a man. Rather than crowd three men into a single fox-hole, Lt. Wagnall had suggested that he do a lonesome.

Well, that had had its good and bad aspects.

For one thing, he'd had to do all the digging himself. But then he had a lot more room. But, again, then he'd been a lot colder all by himself.

And without a buddy to remember to wake him, maybe the outfit had just picked up and marched off without him!

A quick glance through the thin latticed roof he'd constructed last night convinced him. He could see nothing but a desert of snow in all directions. And the snow was still coming down, so that their footprints — the one means by which he could track his buddies — would shortly be covered!

Frantically, he clambered into his pack and slung his rifle over his shoulder. A moment later, he had clawed his way out of the fox-hole and was hurrying away in the snow looking for a footprint or even the trace of one.

He could see nothing! The snow was already clear and smooth all around him. The landscape close by seemed to be absolutely featureless as even the largest hummocks were covered with the thick white blankets that destroyed their individuality.

And everywhere were the down-drifting snowflakes, obscuring the sky which might have given him a directional clue if only he could have seen the sun; everywhere was the same deadly greyness, that would be the color of his tomb if he didn't see a way through it.

John found that he could hardly see more than three feet in front of him.

"And I'm supposed to find my outfit in this fog!" he muttered. "Without knowing how long ago they left, or which direction they took! Oh, great, *great!*"

And on top of everything, he reflected, since they might well take him for an enemy soldier, he might even be shot once he found them!

What kind of an outfit were they anyhow, he asked himself bitterly, to leave a buddy sleeping in a snow-covered fox-hole,

CONTINUED AFTER NEXT STORY...

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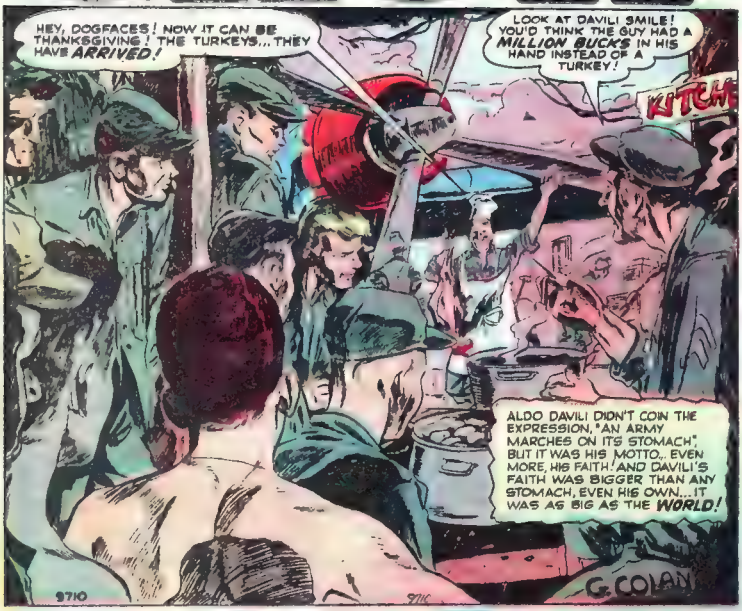
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LOOK AT DAVILI SMILE! YOU'D THINK THE GUY HAD A MILLION BUCKS IN HIS HAND INSTEAD OF A TURKEY!
KITCH
ALDO DAVILI DIDN'T COIN THE EXPRESSION, "AN ARMY MARCHES ON ITS STOMACH", BUT IT WAS HIS MOTTO. EVEN MORE, HIS FAITH! AND DAVILI'S FAITH WAS BIGGER THAN ANY STOMACH, EVEN HIS OWN... IT WAS AS BIG AS THE WORLD!
G. COLAN

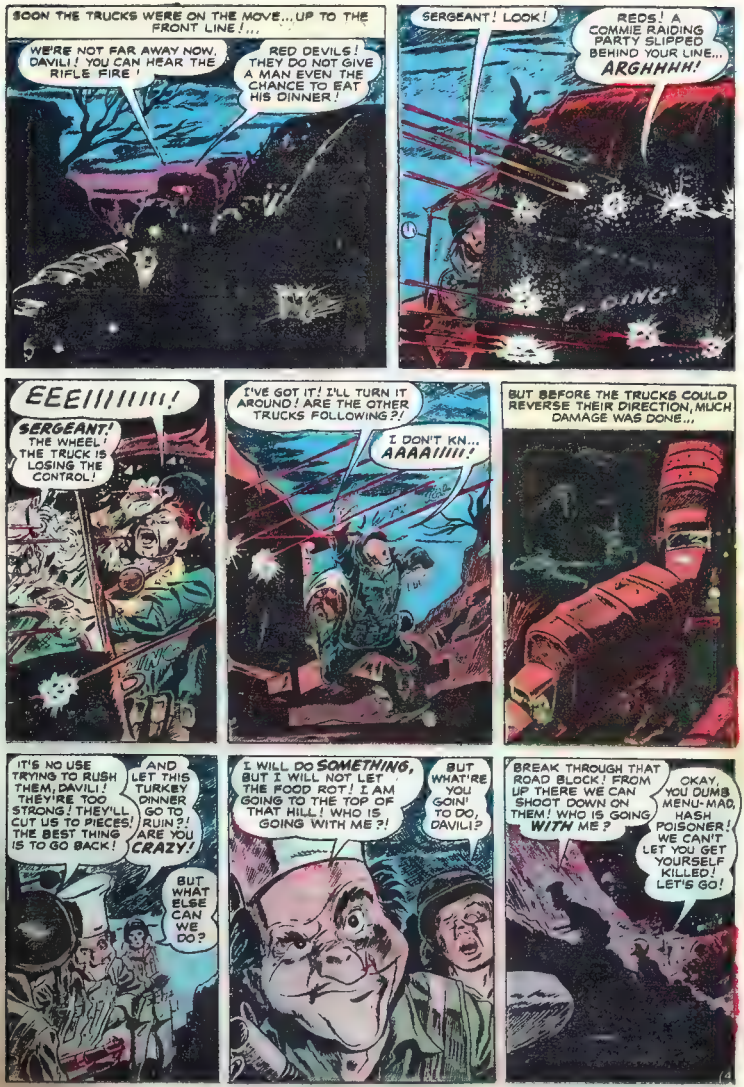
HERE! CATCH! CLEAN 'EM OUT AN' STUFF 'EM GOOD! MUSHROOMS AN' CHESTNUTS! AN' QUICK! THANKSGIVING IS TODAY, NOT TOMORROW OR THE NEXT DAY!
OOFFF!
THE GUY'S CRAZY! WHAT A FUSS TO MAKE OVER NOTHIN'!

I HEAR THAT! YOU ARE PLENTY DUMB, MY FRIEND!

NO HEART, PIECE OF LEAD YOU GOT! BRAINS YOU GOT NONE, NEITHER...

BECAUSE IF YOU GOT BRAINS, YOU THINK...WHAT DOES THIS TURKEY MEAN? FOOD ONLY?
SLAP!
SI! THIS IS THE FIRST DECENT MEAL WE MAKE FOR COMPANY S... IN THE AGE OF A DOG! THIS IS SOMETHING TO MAKE THE BOYS REMEMBER WHAT FOOD IS LIKE!
WHAT IS FOOD? IT IS TO REMEMBER THE HOME! THE MAMA WHO SLAVES IN THE HOT KITCHEN TO BRING THE SMILES TO THE LIPS OF HER FAMILY AT THE EVENING TABLE... THESE SMILES...THEY ARE WORTH THE SWEAT!
FOR SOME, IT IS THE WIFE, THE YOUNG WIFE WHO CANNOT COOK, BUT WHO TRIES! SHE BURNS THE FOOD A LITTLE BUT IT IS THE SWEETER FOR THAT, NO?
WHEN WE SPEAK OF FOOD THIS IS NOT THE THING WHICH COMES IN THE CAN! ONE-TWO-THREE... IT IS OPENED... IT IS EATEN...THE FASTER THE BETTER...
NO, MY FRIENDS! FOOD IS A SACRAMENT! A BOND BETWEEN THE HOST AND THE GUEST! FOOD IS CIVILIZATION, CULTURE, ART!
ABOVE ALL, IT IS THE FAMILY! TO EAT GOOD FOOD IS TO REMEMBER THE HOME! THE HOME WE FIGHT FOR HERE IN THE MUD! THE HOME WE LONG TO GO BACK TO! THE HOME WE HAVE MADE SAFE...
AND THE DAY, WHAT DAY IS IT? IS IT AN ORDINARY DAY? A MONDAY OR A TUESDAY? NO! THIS IS THANKSGIVING DAY, 1951! FOR OVER 300 YEARS THIS DAY HAS MEANT SOMETHING TO AMERICANS...
THIS DAY IS AMERICA! TO CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING IS LIKE TO WORSHIP IN THE TEMPLE! WE CELEBRATE THE GREATNESS OF AMERICA...

WE REMEMBER WHAT AMERICA COST! IN BLOOD, IN WORK, IN SACRIFICE, AND WHEN THE PIECE OF MEAT IS TAKEN INTO THE MOUTH ON THANKS-GIVING DAY.
ALL OVER AMERICA, ALL MOUTHS TASTING THIS ONE FOOD TOGETHER, AN' UNDERSTANDING WORKS ITS WAY INTO THE HEART! IT BECOMES MORE THAN FOOD WE EAT! IT IS A FAITH, A PRIDE WE SHARE! WE FEEL AS BROTHERS
AND THOSE MEN OUT THERE... WHO ARE DYING EVERY DAY TO MAKE AMERICA STRONG AND SAFE... YOU ARE GOING TO KEEP THEM FROM CELEBRATING THIS DAY? YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE... NOT THE FOOD... BUT THE FAITH... FROM OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS?!
N-NO! NO...
THEN STUFF THIS TURKEY FAST! STUFF IT BEFORE I CUT YOU INTO LITTLE PIECES AND SERVE YOU IN OLIVE OIL AS AN ANTIPASTO!
YES, SIR! YES! OOOFFF!
THUD
BRAVO, DAVILI! A BEAUTIFUL SPEECH!
CLAP CLAP
FOOLS! WASTING TIME WITH CLAPPING THE HANDS! THERE IS WORK TO DO, IDIOTS! GET BUSY! MOVE THE HANDS AND LEGS!
AND SO THE TURKEYS GOT PREPARED IN THE FIELD KITCHEN OF COMPANY B! THEY WERE CLEANED, STUFFED, ROASTED, TESTED...
AND TASTED!.. ALMOST, THAT IS!
THIEF! YOU STEAL THE FLESH FROM YOUR BROTHER'S MOUTH!? SPIT IT OUT! OR BETTER... CHOKE ON IT!
YES, SIR!... OWW!
WHAM
FINALLY, THE MEAL WAS DONE! PIPING HOT, IT WAS RUSHED TO THE MOBILE KITCHEN TRUCKS!
QUICKLY! GET THE MOVE ON! THIS IS THANKSGIVING DINNER, NOT SUPPER!


SOON THE TRUCKS WERE ON THE MOVE... UP TO THE FRONT LINE!...
WE'RE NOT FAR AWAY NOW, DAVILI! YOU CAN HEAR THE RIFLE FIRE!
RED DEVILS! THEY DO NOT GIVE A MAN EVEN THE CHANCE TO EAT HIS DINNER!
SERGEANT! LOOK!
REDS! A COMMIE RAIDING PARTY SLIPPED BEHIND YOUR LINE... ARGHHHH!
POING!
P-DING!
EEEIIIIIIII!
SERGEANT! THE WHEEL! THE TRUCK IS LOSING THE CONTROL!
I'VE GOT IT! I'LL TURN IT AROUND! ARE THE OTHER TRUCKS FOLLOWING?!
I DON'T KN... AAAAIIIII!
BUT BEFORE THE TRUCKS COULD REVERSE THEIR DIRECTION, MUCH DAMAGE WAS DONE...
IT'S NO USE TRYING TO RUSH THEM, DAVILI! THEY'RE TOO STRONG! THEY'LL CUT US TO PIECES! THE BEST THING IS TO GO BACK!
AND LET THIS TURKEY DINNER GO TO RUIN?! ARE YOU CRAZY!
BUT WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?
I WILL DO SOMETHING, BUT I WILL NOT LET THE FOOD ROT! I AM GOING TO THE TOP OF THAT HILL! WHO IS GOING WITH ME?!
BUT WHAT'RE YOU GOIN' TO DO, DAVILI?
BREAK THROUGH THAT ROAD BLOCK! FROM UP THERE WE CAN SHOOT DOWN ON THEM! WHO IS GOING WITH ME?
OKAY, YOU DUMB MENU-MAD, HASH POISONER! WE CAN'T LET YOU GET YOURSELF KILLED! LET'S GO!
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QUIET! I THINK FROM HERE... IF WE FIRE ALL TOGETHER... WE SHALL CATCH THEM BY SURPRISE! THEN THE TRUCKS CAN RUSH IN!
OKAY, DAVILI! YOU'RE LEADING THIS ARMY! TELL US WHEN TO FIRE..
NOW! LET THEM HAVE IT, THE MICE-EATERS!
BLA
BA
EEEAAA!
ARGHHH!
CHARGE! BLOW THE WHISTLE FOR THE TRUCKS TO COME!
TWEEEE!
THEY RUN! THEY RUN! WE'RE BREAKIN' THROUGH!... DAVILI! WHAT'S THE MATTER? ARE YOU HIT?
(GASP!... NOTHING BUT A SCRATCH, IDIOT! GO! GO! CHASE THEM! THE TRUCKS MUST GO THROUGH...THE FOOD GROWS COLD!
A HALF HOUR LATER... AT THE FRONT...
WONDERFUL! JUST LIKE YOU GET IT AT HOME! HEY, DAVILI! REMIND ME TO KISS YOU!
OH, GO! GO! FILL UP THE PLATES! THERE ARE SECONDS, THIRDS! EAT, EAT AND BE WELL...
THIS IS THANKSGIVI... (GASP!) R-RIKER... T-TAKE ME AWAY FROM HERE... BACK TO THE TRUCKS...QUICK!
YES, DAVILI! WHAT IS IT?
BEHIND THE TRUCKS... GOOD... THEY CANNOT SEE ME HERE! I CAUGHT A BULLET, IDIOT... IN A BAD PLACE... DON'T TELL THE BOYS, I WOULDN'T WANT TO SPOIL THEIR DINNER... BY DYING IN THEIR PRESENCE! L-LET THEM ENJOY THEMSELVES...
DAVILI?
A SOLDIER NEEDS A GOOD DINNER... ONCE IN A WHILE, NO?...
SO DIED ALDO DAVILI, TRUE TO HIS FAITH! FOR ALL HE WANTED ...ALL HE LIVED FOR...WAS THE LAUGHTER HE HEARD ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRUCK,.. WHERE MEN PRAISED WHAT HE HAD BROUGHT FORTH!
THE END

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without even bothering to waken him?

Maybe they'd been attacked and had had to move away in a hurry?

No, that couldn't be it, because then he'd have heard the noise of attack.

But suppose they'd found out they were *going* to be attacked shortly, and it had been necessary to slip off quietly? In that case there would have been whispered orders passed on from fox-hole to fox-hole until everyone was ready. Then, at a given, quiet signal, everyone climbed up and moved on.

Everyone, that is, but Pvt. John Carney.

But if that were the case, then he might very well be running into enemy patrols. He'd better be doubly careful!

He came to a dead stop and dropped to the ground as something in front of him moved. He eased his rifle forward slowly.

"Looks like this is it," he muttered to himself. "Carney's first and last battle."

He finally managed to curl his trigger finger around the trigger of the M-1. And then the sun shone through for a moment, and he saw what it was that had frightened him.

It was an old, gnarled and dying tree whose empty branches waved forlornly in the wind, wrapped in their drooping shawl of snow.

John was on his feet again, but this time he was even less certain. How could he hope to find the platoon which was certainly well-camouflaged if he made mistakes like that?

But there was no help for it: he'd just have to go on trying.

Snow or no snow, footprints or no footprints, visibility or no visibility, he just had to find the platoon.

Because otherwise he was just lost in Korea!

He fished through his pockets as another wild thought hit him. No, he remembered in despair, he didn't have a compass on him either

All he had was the vaguest of ideas.

And a desire to hurry. Being alone in a storm-swept landscape can lead to queer feelings. Like the feeling of wanting desperately to sit down and take a fast break, to rest a bit.

He knew that if he did, it would be the last break he'd ever take. He was getting colder and colder.

Suddenly he heard voices, dozens of them!

He unslung his rifle rapidly and prepared to make a stand.

But abruptly, Lt. Wagnall materialized through the fog and he put it down. "I'm awfully glad I caught up to you, sir," he babbled.

The officer laughed. "You didn't catch up with us, Carney — we never went anywhere. You woke up a little *early* this morning, and, since a snow blanket changes everything, you had no idea really where the rest of the platoon could be. Even the guards got covered with snow awfully fast in this weather; and when you passed one of our guards as if he were a hummock of earth, he called out to you. But you were going too fast to hear him and just kept charging off."

"But, lieutenant, I've been walking for hours!"

"Sure, the way most people walk in the snow. In a circle! And believe me, boy, that's something you can be grateful for!"

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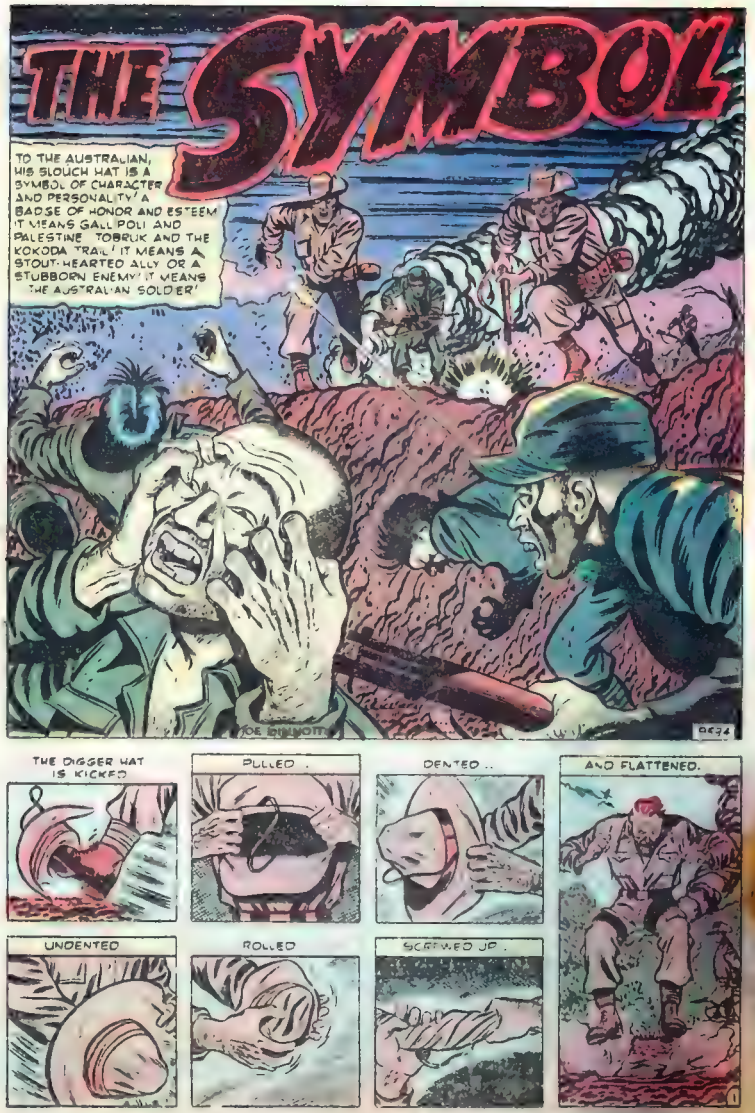
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JOE ELLIOTT
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THE DIGGER HAT IS KICKED
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AND FLATTENED.
UNDENTED
ROLLED
SCREWED UP

...UNTIL IT REACHES ITS INIMITABLE SHAPE, PINNED UP TO THE LEFT!

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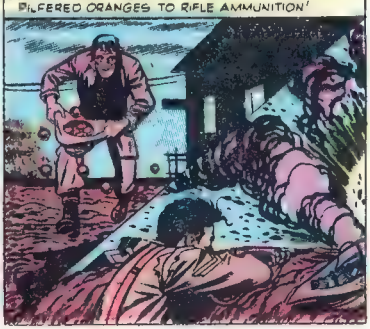

WITH ITS CROWN PUSHED IN, IT BECOMES A WATER CARRIER OR A WASH BOWL!

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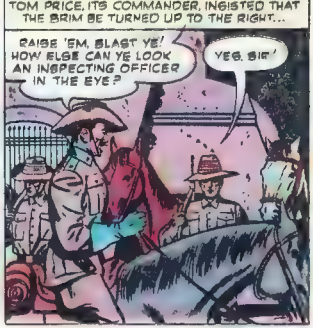

BY THE TIME AUSTRALIAN TROOPS WENT OFF TO THE BOER WAR, THE BRIM WAS PERMANENTLY SLOUCHED... BUT TO THE LEFT, SO THAT IT SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE RIFLE "SLOPED" ON THE LEFT SHOULDER...

SO GREAT HAD BECOME THE ATTACHMENT OF THE DIGGER FOR HIS HAT THAT WITHOUT IT, HE FELT LOST! WHEN AUSSIE SOLDIERS WERE ISSUED SOLAR TOPEES IN EGYPT DURING WORLD WAR I...

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BUDA-BUDA-BUDA!
BUDA, BUDA!
EE!!!!
WE'RE SLAUGHTERIN' 'EM LIKE BLOODY KANGAROOS... AND YET THE BEGGARS COME! WHERE ARE THEY COMIN' FROM?
THE BIRTH RATE'S HIGH IN CHINA! WHAT DO THEY CARE IF THEY LOSE 20,000,000 MEN? MORE RICE TO GO AROUND!
LOOK AT THE DEVILS! HORDES OF 'EM!
RATTA-TAT-TAT!
BLAM
BAM
CAPTAIN! OUR RIGHT FLANK IS TURNING! THEY'RE POURING IN FROM THE EAST! THERE ARE TOO MANY OF 'EM TO HOLD BACK! KILLING 'EM DOESN'T STOP 'EM!
LIEUTENANT! SIGNAL RETREAT! WE'RE MOVING BACK! WE'LL DIG IN TO SECONDARY POSITIONS!
RETREAT!
LOOK LIVELY, BOYS!
OHHH! SOMEBODY GIVE ME A HAND!
RIGHT YOU ARE, DANNY! WOULDN'T WANT 'EM TO BE EATIN' YOU DOWN TO YOUR FINGER-NAILS!
UP YOU GO, LAD!
REMIND ME TO BUY YOU A BEER!
STOP GABBIN' AN' GET YOUR LITTLE COCKROACH HIDE OUT OF FIRE!
RAT-AT-TAT-TAT-TAT
BLAM!
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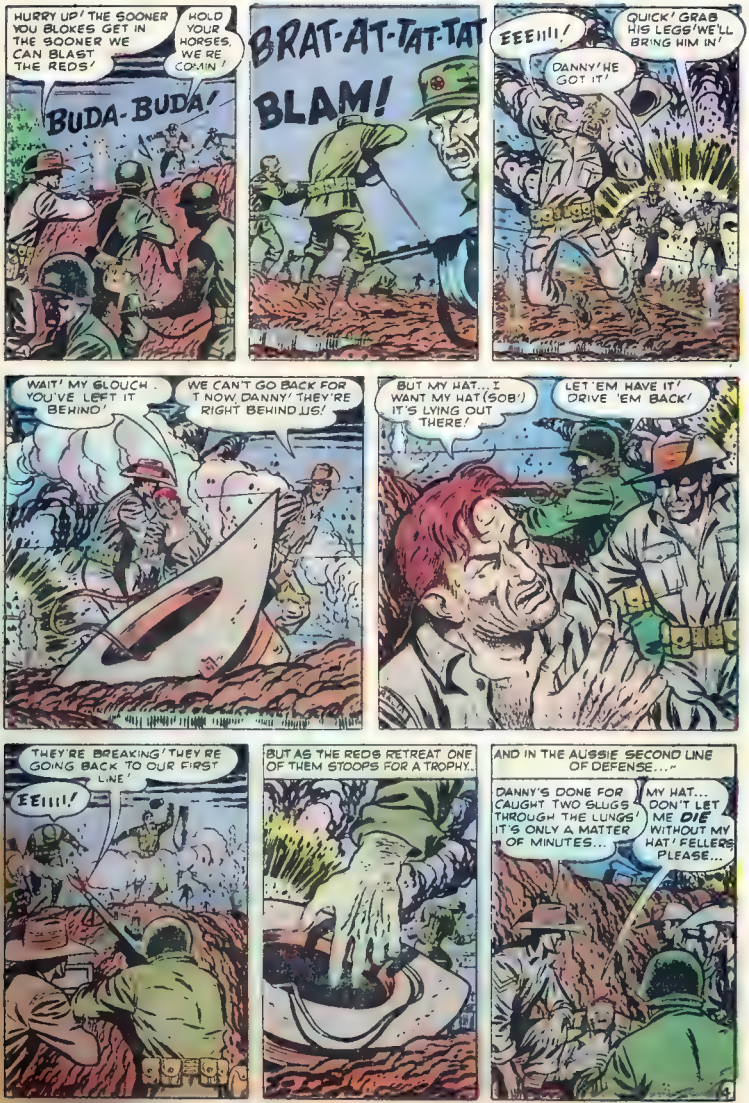
HURRY UP! THE SOONER YOU BLOKES GET IN THE SOONER WE CAN BLAST THE REDS!
HOLD YOUR HORSES, WE'RE COMIN'!
BUDA-BUDA!
BRAT-AT-TAT-TAT
BLAM!
EEEIII!
QUICK! GRAB HIS LEGS! WE'LL BRING HIM IN!
DANNY! HE GOT IT!
WAIT! MY GLOUCH. YOU'VE LEFT IT BEHIND!
WE CAN'T GO BACK FOR IT NOW, DANNY! THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND US!
BUT MY HAT... I WANT MY HAT (SOB!) IT'S LYING OUT THERE!
LET 'EM HAVE IT! DRIVE 'EM BACK!
THEY'RE BREAKING! THEY'RE GOING BACK TO OUR FIRST LINE!
EEIIII!
BUT AS THE REDS RETREAT ONE OF THEM STOOPS FOR A TROPHY...
AND IN THE AUSSIE SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE...
DANNY'S DONE FOR CAUGHT TWO SLUGS THROUGH THE LUNGS! IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF MINUTES...
MY HAT... DON'T LET ME DIE WITHOUT MY HAT! FELLERS PLEASE...

GET MY HAT... FOR THE LOVE OF HEAVEN... MY HAT.. (SOB!)
BUT IT'S LYIN' OUT IN NO MAN'S LAND, DANNY! WE'D BE KILLED TRYING TO FETCH IT!
NO, BOYS! LOOK!
CURSE THEM! THEY GOT IT!
LOOK WHAT THEY'RE DOING WITH IT!
THEY GOT IT UP ON A BAYONET 'DANNY'S HAT ON SOME DIRTY RED'S BAYONET!
THEY'RE LAUGHIN' AT US 'MAKIN' A BLOODY JOKE OUT OF DANNY'S DIGGER!
LIEUTENANT 'THE REDS GOT DANNY'S SLOUCH! THEY GOT IT UPON A BAYONET! WE WANT TO GO BACK AND GET IT!
WHAT DO YOU SAY, CAPTAIN?
NO RED CAN STICK A DIGGER HAT ON HIS BAYONET. LET'S GO!
WAIT FOR US, DANNY! WE'LL BE BACK SOON!
THE ONLY THING STICKING UP ON YOUR BAYONETS WILL BE YOUR BLASTED HELMETS!
EEEiii!
PAM!
BAM
WHOM
NOW WE'LL TAKE BACK WHAT'S OURS!
EEEAAAA!
THE AUSSIE CHARGE CARRIED THE DAY! THE REDS PULLED BACK IN A ROUT! AND WHEN THEY LOADED DANNY'S CORPSE INTO THE AMBULANCE, ON HIS BODY RESTED THE SYMBOL OF AUSSIE VALOR... THE DIGGER HAT!
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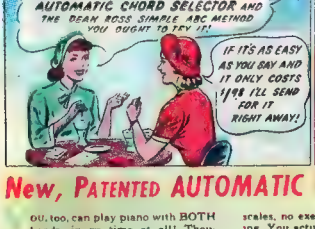
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THERE'S SERGEANT DUNCAN, THE DIRTY, ROTTEN RAT! I SWORE TO GET HIM FOR THE WAY HE RODE ME... AND NOW'S MY CHANCE! NOBODY'LL EVER KNOW I KILLED HIM...
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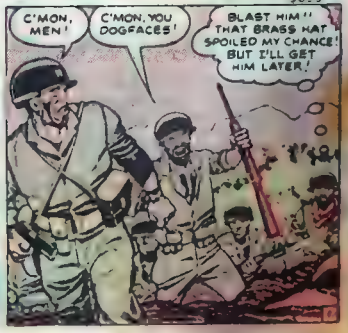
I WAS A REPLACEMENT, AND THIS WAS MY FIRST ACTION ..I WAS SCARED, BUT MY HATE FOR THE ARMY AND PARTICULARLY FOR SERGEANT DUNCAN, WAS EVEN GREATER THAN MY FRIGHT!
I HATE HIM...HIM AND HIS LOUSY ARMY! I'VE GOT A BEAD ON THE BACK OF HIS HEAD... I'LL SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER... LIKE HE TAUGHT ME...!



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IT WAS MURDER! THAT HILL WAS A SHEET OF FLAME.. ALL OF IT COMING RIGHT AT ME!
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HOLY SMOKES! THE PIN IS OUT...!
RAT-TAT-TAT
TAT
I SAW THE PIN ON THE GROUND,AND GRABBED IT! I'D HAVE BEEN BLOWN TO BITS EXCEPT FOR ONE THING...THIN STRIPS OF ADHESIVE TAPE STUCK AROUND THE LEVER CONTROLLING THE FUSE...!
I CAN REMEMBER HOW THAT PUNK SARGE GAVE ME EXTRA DUTY UNTIL I WAS READY TO DROP, BECAUSE I KEPT FORGETTING THIS LITTLE TRICK!
WHAM
I REPLACED THE PIN, RIPPED OFF THE TAPE...THEN PULLED THE PIN AND HEAVED IT...!
RAT-TAT-TAT
WUMP!
THEN I WENT FORWARD...TOWARDS THE MACHINE GUN NEST OVER DEAD BODIES... OVER THE RIDGE..

I HIT THE NEST FAST, AND SWERVED AS I HAD BEEN TAUGHT...THAT QUICK SIDESTEP SAVE MY LIFE!

ARRGGHH!

I HAD NO TIME TO THINK OF THE SERGEANT OR MY HATE... I HAD NO TIME TO THINK OF ANYTHING EXCEPT THE NEXT SPLIT SECOND, AND FIGHTING AND KEEPING ALIVE TO FIGHT SOME MORE! I RAN ON...

GOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TERRAIN... EVERY BIT OF COVER!

WHOOM

I HIT THE DIRT... I GOT UP AND RAN FORWARD... I DID ALL THE THINGS I'D BEEN TAUGHT TO DO, WITHOUT THINKING... I SAVED MY LIFE A DOZEN TIMES THAT DAY BY DOING THE THINGS I'D BEEN TAUGHT TO DO!

WHOOM

IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HUMAN FLESH TO STAND! THE WORD CAME TO TURN BACK TO THE WOODS, AND REFORM, AND WAIT FOR MORTAR SUPPORT! WE TURNED... AND THAT'S WHEN I GOT IT...!

BACK... BACK TO COVER!

I WAS BLEEDING FROM NOSE AND MOUTH FROM THE CONCUSSION! I WAS IN THE OPEN... EXPOSED TO ENEMY FIRE! STEEL CLIPPED ALL AROUND ME LIKE HAIL...!

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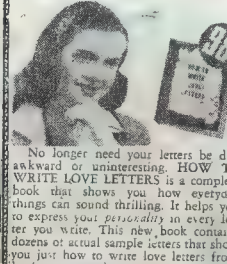

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BOP-POP-POP-POP-POP
RAT-TAT-TAT
WONDER WHO IT IS... WHO'S TAKING A CHANCE LIKE THIS TO GET ME OUT...?
WUMP
IT WAS A MIRACLE... WE GOT TO THE SAFETY OF THE WOODS WITHOUT BEING HIT!
SARGE, I THOUGHT YOU'D GET IT ANY MINUTE! HOW IS HE?
I DON'T KNOW! LET'S TAKE A LOOK!
YOU! SERGEANT DUNCAN...! YOU!
YEAH, ME! WHO'D YOU THINK IT WAS...YOUR GRANDMOTHER? NOW LAY STILL WHILE WE FIX THIS THIGH UP UNTIL THE MEDICS GET HERE!
I LAY THERE STUNNED! I DIDN'T GET IT! SERGEANT DUNCAN, THE MAN I HATED MORE THAN ANY OTHER HUMAN IN THE WORLD... HE WAS THE GUY WHO RISKED HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE MINE!
HERE'S A SMOKE, JIM!
TAKE THIS BOTTLE I SWIPED IT OUTTA THE MEDICS COMMISSARY! YOU CAN PULL ON IT WHILE YOU'RE WAITIN' FOR THE MEDICS!
HEY, LISTEN... CHEMICAL MORTARS BLASTING THE REDS!
GET READY TO MOVE UP, MEN! WE'LL FOLLOW THE BARRAGE!
LET'S GO!
THAT'LL HOLD YOU UNTIL THE MEDICS COME! YOU'VE GOT YOUR TICKET HOME, BAKER .. SO LONG, AND GOOD LUCK!
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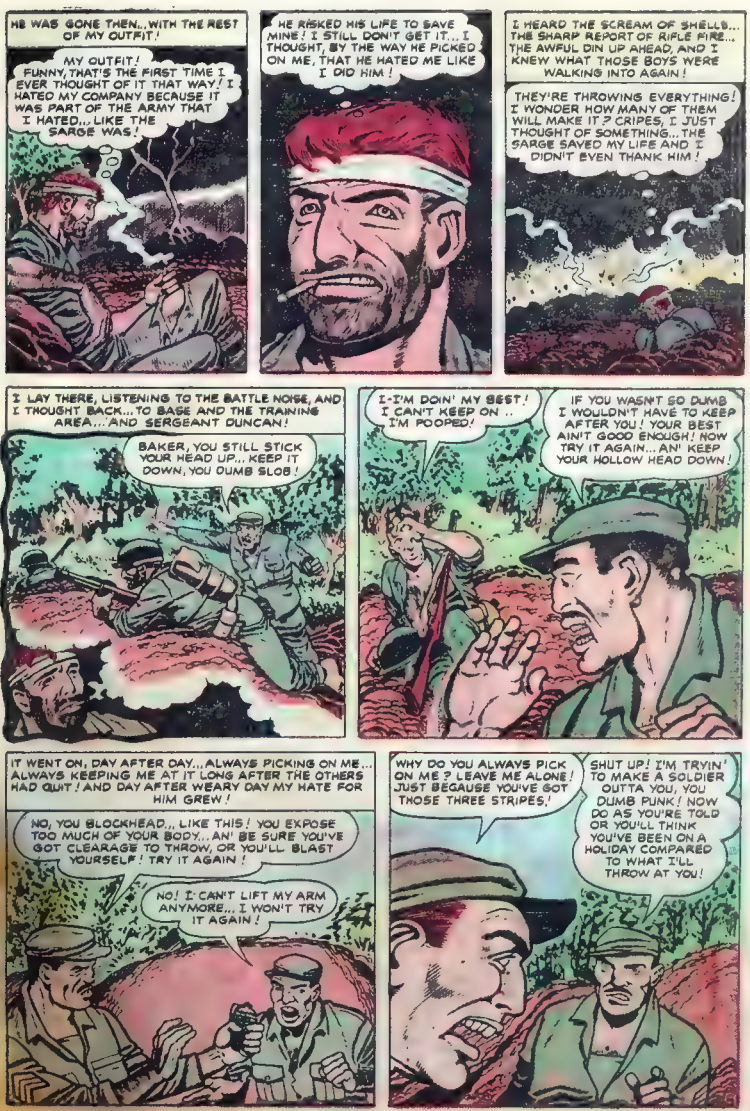
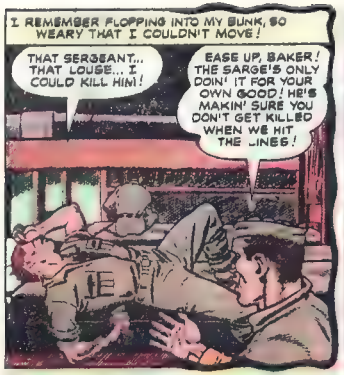
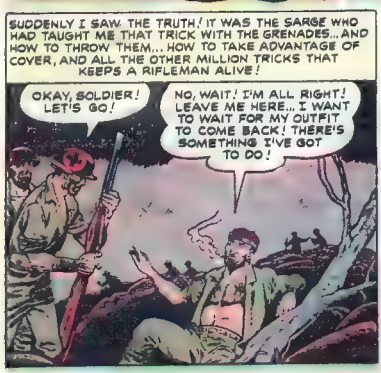
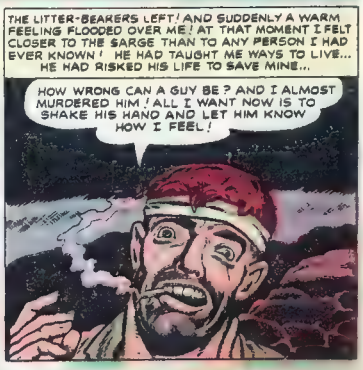

HE WAS GONE THEN... WITH THE REST OF MY OUTFIT!
MY OUTFIT! FUNNY, THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY. I HATED MY COMPANY BECAUSE IT WAS PART OF THE ARMY THAT I HATED... LIKE THE SARGE WAS!
HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE MINE! I STILL DON'T GET IT... I THOUGHT, BY THE WAY HE PICKED ON ME, THAT HE HATED ME LIKE I DID HIM!
I HEARD THE SCREAM OF SHELLS... THE SHARP REPORT OF RIFLE FIRE... THE AWFUL DIN UP AHEAD, AND I KNEW WHAT THOSE BOYS WERE WALKING INTO AGAIN!
THEY'RE THROWING EVERYTHING! I WONDER HOW MANY OF THEM WILL MAKE IT? CRIPES, I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING... THE SARGE SAVED MY LIFE AND I DIDN'T EVEN THANK HIM!
I LAY THERE, LISTENING TO THE BATTLE NOISE, AND I THOUGHT BACK... TO BASE AND THE TRAINING AREA... AND SERGEANT DUNCAN!
BAKER, YOU STILL STICK YOUR HEAD UP... KEEP IT DOWN, YOU DUMB SLOB!
I-I'M DOIN' MY BEST! I CAN'T KEEP ON .. I'M POOPED!
IF YOU WASN'T SO DUMB I WOULDN'T HAVE TO KEEP AFTER YOU! YOUR BEST AIN'T GOOD ENOUGH! NOW TRY IT AGAIN... AN' KEEP YOUR HOLLOW HEAD DOWN!
IT WENT ON, DAY AFTER DAY... ALWAYS PICKING ON ME... ALWAYS KEEPING ME AT IT LONG AFTER THE OTHERS HAD QUIT! AND DAY AFTER WEARY DAY MY HATE FOR HIM GREW!
NO, YOU BLOCKHEAD,, LIKE THIS! YOU EXPOSE TOO MUCH OF YOUR BODY, . AN' BE SURE YOU'VE GOT CLEARAGE TO THROW, OR YOU'LL BLAST YOURSELF! TRY IT AGAIN!
NO! I CAN'T LIFT MY ARM ANYMORE... I WON'T TRY IT AGAIN!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS PICK ON ME? LEAVE ME ALONE! JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT THOSE THREE STRIPES,'
SHUT UP! I'M TRYIN' TO MAKE A SOLDIER OUTTA YOU, YOU DUMB PUNK! NOW DO AS YOU'RE TOLD OR YOU'LL THINK YOU'VE BEEN ON A HOLIDAY COMPARED TO WHAT I'LL THROW AT YOU!


I REMEMBER FLOPPING INTO MY BUNK, SO WEARY THAT I COULDN'T MOVE!
THAT SERGEANT... THAT LOUSE... I COULD KILL HIM!
EASE UP, BAKER! THE SARGE'S ONLY DOIN' IT FOR YOUR OWN GOOD! HE'S MAKIN' SURE YOU DON'T GET KILLED WHEN WE HIT THE LINES!

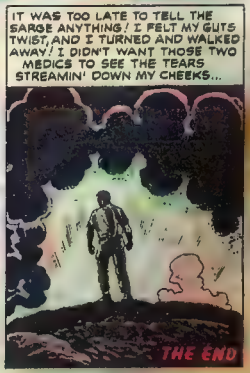
THAT WAS WHEN I GOT THE IDEA TO KILL THE SARGE IN BATTLE! HE WAS THE SYMBOL OF ALL I HATED ABOUT THE ARMY...!


SUDDENLY I SAW THE TRUTH! IT WAS THE SARGE WHO HAD TAUGHT ME THAT TRICK WITH THE GRENADES... AND HOW TO THROW THEM... HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COVER, AND ALL THE OTHER MILLION TRICKS THAT KEEPS A RIFLEMAN ALIVE!
OKAY, SOLDIER! LET'S GO!
NO, WAIT! I'M ALL RIGHT! LEAVE ME HERE... I WANT TO WAIT FOR MY OUTFIT TO COME BACK! THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO DO!


THE LITTER-BEARERS LEFT! AND SUDDENLY A WARM FEELING FLOODED OVER ME! AT THAT MOMENT I FELT CLOSER TO THE SARGE THAN TO ANY PERSON I HAD EVER KNOWN! HE HAD TAUGHT ME WAYS TO LIVE... HE HAD RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE MINE...
HOW WRONG CAN A GUY BE? AND I ALMOST MURDERED HIM! ALL I WANT NOW IS TO SHAKE HIS HAND AND LET HIM KNOW HOW I FEEL!

I SAT THERE WAITING... HOPING THAT I'D GET TO SEE THE SARGE AGAIN... TO TELL HIM HOW I FELT! THEN I HEARD THE LITTER-BEARER COMING BACK...
DID YOU GUYS SEE SARGE DUNCAN UP THERE?
YEAH... WE SAW HIM...

AND THEN I LOOKED DOWN AT THE BULLET-TORN BODY SPRAWLED OUT ON THE LITTER! I HAD TO BITE MY FIST, TO KEEP FROM SCREAMIN...


IT WAS TOO LATE TO TELL THE SARGE ANYTHING! I FELT MY GUTS TWIST, AND I TURNED AND WALKED AWAY! I DIDN'T WANT THOSE TWO MEDICS TO SEE THE TEARS STREAMIN' DOWN MY CHEEKS...
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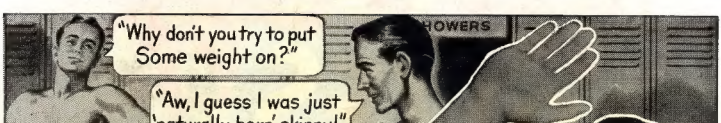

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